

Our entire community wishes to extend its warmest and most caring congratulations to Lue Ida Hill on the attainment of her 100th year. Few Americans reach this incredible life pinnacle. May God bless Lue Ida and keep her as America and the world move toward the new millennium. She is a legendary teacher to us all.

**FRIENDS OF MUSTANGS RECEIVES
THE "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"
AWARD**

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize an exceptional group, the Friends of the Mustangs group, who were honored by the Bureau of Land Management with the "Making a Difference" award. The BLM selected the Friends of the Mustangs group because of their dedication to Colorado and to its outdoors.

For the past 17 years, the Friends of the Mustangs group have volunteered and managed the BLM's Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Area. There, they saved the BLM over \$20,000 by volunteering over 2,500 hours, maintained the grounds, fixing fences and trails. They also performed pre-adoption inspections. As a result, the Friends of the Mustangs group has played an integral role in managing wild horses.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious why the Friends of the Mustangs group was chosen for the "Making a Difference" award. I think we owe them a debt of gratitude for their service and dedication to Colorado and to its outdoors.

HONORING MR. DONALD ALMQUIST

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I honor my friend, Mr. Donald Almquist, who is retiring after serving on the School Board in Greenfield, Wisconsin for 23 years. Don was the School Board president for eight years, and has also served as vice-president, and as treasurer.

After retiring from a lengthy career in the Marine Corps, Don settled down in Greenfield where he has been an outstanding member of the community ever since. His work with such civic organizations as the Greenfield Lions Club, Greenfield Historical Society, American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, Greenfield Little League, and Vietnam Veterans of America have helped to make his community a better place to live.

Over the past 23 years, Don has left his mark on the quality of education in Greenfield. He has initiated many programs for Greenfield students including a school breakfast program, and a Junior ROTC program. He was also instrumental in beginning the filming of School Board meetings for cable television broadcasting.

Though this is his second retirement, Don will certainly have no trouble keeping himself

busy. While he will no longer be a member of Greenfield's school board, he will continue his public service as the city's 4th district alderman, and president of the Common Council. He will also remain active in the Lion's Club, as well as the Education Scholarship Foundation, and a number of other community organizations.

Don has received many awards from the Greenfield Lion's Club including: The President's Award, the Governor's Award, and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He was also honored with the 1996 Achievement Award as one of Wisconsin's Outstanding Vietnam Veterans.

And so it is my great pleasure to extend my gratitude to my good friend Donald Almquist for his years of service, and my congratulations to him and his wife, Beverly, on a well deserved retirement.

**IN HONOR OF THE UNITED CEREBRAL
PALSY OF HUDSON COUNTY EIGHTH ANNUAL "OUT-
STANDING ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD" DINNER DANCE**

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the United Cerebral Palsy of Hudson County Eighth Annual "Outstanding Achievement Award" Dinner Dance.

Since 1951, United Cerebral Palsy (UPC) of Hudson County has had one mission: "To advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people with disabilities." At UPC of Hudson County, this is more than a mission, it is a cerebral way of life. And the annual "Outstanding Achievement Award" honors those who have truly embraced this way of life, giving of themselves in a profoundly selfless and compassionate manner.

This year there are three such individuals, and I am proud to honor them as well. I honor them for their compassion; I honor them for their dedication; and I applaud them for what they have done for people with disabilities.

Henry Sanchez, Migdalia Viole, and Vincent J. Bottino were chosen by UPC of Hudson County to receive the "Outstanding Achievement Award" because they exemplify the strength of character and sense of purpose necessary to become outstanding community leaders. Hudson County has benefited enormously from their very special contribution to the community.

I ask my colleagues to join me as I honor these extraordinary individuals for their unparalleled commitment to bettering the lives of people with disabilities. Congratulations to this year's "Outstanding Achievement Award" winners.

**BLOOMFIELD CITIZENS COUNCIL
AWARDS**

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a number of Pittsburgh residents who will be

honored on May 6 with Bloomfield Citizens Council Awards. Every year, the Bloomfield Citizens Council presents these awards as a way of recognizing members of the community who have made a significant contribution to the quality of life in Bloomfield. I would like to take this opportunity to mention the 2000 award recipients and commend them for their efforts to make Bloomfield a better place to live.

For their hard work, commitment, and enormous amount of volunteer time given for the love of the community and its children, members of the Immaculate Conception School Parent Teacher's Guild are receiving the Mary Cercone Outstanding Citizens Award. The members of the Guild being honored include: Nick and Amy Balestra, Tammy Bruno, Nancy Cherico, Beverly Helwich, Craig and Rosina Koziell, Janet Langer, Larry Lordeon, Frank and Renee Magliocco, Faye Parker, Ray Polk, Crystal Scullion, and Antionette Sarmacy. This group of people is a symbol of the family values and the rich heritage of the Bloomfield community.

As president of the Immaculate Conception Christian Mothers for 38 years, Ann Sculli has earned the Neighborhood Loyalty Award. She has demonstrated a sincere dedication to the betterment of Bloomfield with the unselfish giving of her personal time and willingness to work with others as a true team player.

Patrick McGonigle is the 2000 recipient of the Community Commitment Award for this consistent willingness to assist the Bloomfield Citizens Council in its efforts to work for the betterment of Bloomfield. He has given his time to promoting the Bloomfield Halloween Parade and the Bloomfield Preservation Center.

This year, the Extra Mile Award is given to Jolene Owens. She has given a decade of service to the Bloomfield Citizens Council. She has improved the BCC through her constant willingness to volunteer and by successfully accomplishing every task she is assigned.

For her heroic actions in entering a burning building to alert the second and third floor tenants of a life-threatening fire, Mary Gratta is the recipient of the Heroism Award. She risked her own life in the interest of saving others.

Nick and Amy Balestra have won the Keeping Christ in Christmas Award for their front yard display of a large handmade manger.

For their creative Christmas decorations that added beauty to the community, George and Eleanor Scullo are receiving the Most Outstanding and Completely Decorated Home Award.

Russell and Leah Carlisle are given the Most Creative Design Award for their balanced, colorful Christmas decorations.

The recipients of this year's Bloomfield Citizens Council awards have all made significant contributions to the quality of life in Bloomfield and deserve recognition for their efforts. I commend them all, as well as the Bloomfield Citizens Council, for their dedication to their community.